

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--HEARING DEVICE HAVING SELF-CONTAINED, SELF-IDENTIFYING  
WITH PERIPHERAL ~~HARDWARE~~ IDENTIFICATION UNITS--

Please insert the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 12:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

Please insert the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Please insert the following section heading before the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 6:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--